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SUBJ: CLODOMIRO ALMEYDA: PRINCETON FELLOWSHIP OFFER

1. IN CALL ON AMBASSADOR MAY 9 PETER BELL, DEPARTING HEAD OF SANTIAGO FORD FOUNDATION OFFICE, GAVE US COPY OF LETTER SIGNED BY AARON LEMONICK, DEAN OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, DTD APRIL 8, INFORMING CLODOMIRO ALMEYDA THAT BY ACTION OF PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY HE HAD BEEN APPOINTED VISITING FELLOW TO WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL AND PROGRAM IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES FOR TERM SEPT 1, 1974 TO JAN 30, 1975 AT SALARY OF \$10,000 FOR TERM. LETTER WAS ADDRESSED TO ALMEYDA, C/O MR. GEORGE LISTER, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

2. IN SEPARATE LETTER FROM PROFESSOR SHANE HUNT OF WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL, BELL WAS INFORMED THAT THIS EMBASSY WOULD PRESENT THE "APPOINTMENT" TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICE OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT, ASKING THAT "APPOINTMENT" BE TRANSMITTED TO ALMEYDA. LETTER ALSO STATED THAT EMBASSY WOULD NOTIFY MRS. ALMEYDA OF THE APPOINTMENT.

3. AMBASSAODR TOLD BELL CONFIDENTIALLY THAT WE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE ALMEYDA FAMILY KNEW OF OFFER, SINCE RALPH DUNGAN HAD INFORMED FAMILY DURING HIS VISIT HERE AS PART OF STAFFDEL SCHNEIDER. SAID WE BELIEVED CHILEAN GOVERNMENT ALSO KNEW OF OFFER. BELL INDICATED HE HAD SPOKEN OF IT WITH ALMEYDA FAMILY.

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4. BELL SAID THAT THOUGH ALMEYDA HAD HAD OTHER OFFERS, FROM OUTSIDE US, HE WAS MOST ATTRACTED TO THIS ONE BECAUSE OTHERS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY POLITICAL OR HUMANITARIAN RATHER THAN ACADEMIC CONCERNS. AMBASSADOR STATED THAT SINCE EXISTENCE OF OFFER WAS KNOWN IN PROPER QUARTERS, AND SINCE EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS, HE SAW NO REASON TO TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS LETTER, WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO SERVE AS TRANSMISSION BELT FOR PRINCETON OFFER, ESPECIALLY NOW WHEN INTEREST IS BUILDING UP TO TRIAL OF PROMINENT EX-UP LEADERS. IF ASKED BY GOC, WE WILL CONFIRM THAT OFFER EXISTS. IN ONGOING CONVERSATIONS WITH GOC WE WILL CONTINUE TO STATE THAT CHILEAN IMAGE WOULD BE IMPROVED IF HIGH-LEVEL FIGURES WERE ALLOWED TO LEAVE COUNTRY, AND WILL REITERATE WE KNOW OF POSTS AVAILABLE FOR ALMEYDA AND LETELIER. POPPER

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